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FOR K. STEPHENS/CEP AND D. WILLIAMS/COT/IMD STATE FOR J. WILLIAMS/F&TD

SUBJECT: COTTON SALES PER ANNEX

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- 1. A. ALLENBERG SALE NO. 5712 FOR 712 BALES TO CENTRAL SPLIT INTO TWO SHIPMENTS OF 300 BALES AND 412 BALES. CENTRAL OPENED L/C NO. 56085 FOR THE 300 BALES WITH FNCB \$40,000 SHORT OF THE REQUIRED AMOUNT CLAIMING TO DEDUCT AGAINST SHORT-WEIGHTS ON PREVIOUS SHIPMENT. ATTACHE BELIEVES THAT CENTRAL AND ALLENBERG ENGAGED IN MANUEVERS TO GAIN UPPER HAND IN A CARRYING CHARGES SHORT WEIGHT STRATEGY GAME. THE STRATEGY IS FAMILIAR AND GOES AS FOLLOWS:
- (1) THE MILL FAILS TO PAY ALL HIS CARRYING CHARGES.
- (2) THE SUPPLIER SHORT WEIGHTS THE NEXT SHIPMENT BUT COLLECTS THE FULL AMOUNT ON THE L/C.
- (3) THE MILL COMPLAINS AND THE SUPPLIER AGREEDS TO DEDUCT THE SHORT WEIGHT CLAIM FROM THE PREVIOUSLY OWED CARRYING CHARGES.
- (4) IF THE MILL CAN GET THE SHIPPER COMMITTED ON THE NEXT SHIPMENT BEFORE OPENING THE L/C HE OPENS THE L/C FOR LESS THAN THE FULL VALUE OF THE SHIPMENT AND CLAIMS THE DIFFERENCE AS PREVIOUS SHORT WEIGHT ADJUSTMENT. UNCLASSIFIED

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- (B) THE 412 BALES WERE SHIPPED AFTER AN L/C EXPIRED AND WERE NOT ACCEPTED BY THE BUYER. THE SHIPPER DIVERTED THE 412 BALES TO ANOTHER BUYER.
- 2. SALE NO. TE 128 COOK 1,000 BALES TO CENTRAL OPENED UNDER FREE DOLLARS, L/C NO. 13919/75 DATED 6/5/75 THROUGH INSULAR BANK OF ASIA AND AMERICA.
- 3. SALE NO. CE 873 COOK 36 BALES TO IMPERIAL REGISTERED UNDER GSM NO. 12537. L/C REPORTEDLY OPENED WITH BANKERS TRUST OF NEW YORK. NO FURTHER INFORMATION VAILABLE AT THIS TIME.
- 4. SALE NO. 472 STAPLE COTTON 250 BALES OPENED UNDER L/C NO. 73960 WITH FIDELITY INTERNATIONAL BANK. SHIPMENT ARRIVED MANILA JUNE 30, 1975 ABOARD PHILIPPINE BATAAN.
- 5. DBP ADVISES THAT INTERNATIONAL TEXTILE HAS AGREED TO OPEN ITS PAST DUE L/C'S AND WILL MAKE APPLICATION TO DBP BY END OF THIS WEEK.
- 6. DBP HAS NOT YET DETERMINED WHAT ACTION WILL TAKE ON THE UNITED ASIA MFG. CONTRACT. THIS CASE HAS BEEN REFERRED TO DBP'S CHAIMAN VIRATA FOR A DECISION.

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